Sl. No.	Item	Physical achievements from 1.4.2002 to 11.3.2005
2	Supply of infrastructural equipment to BOs	420
3	Computerisation of Speed Post booking and delivery offices	63
4	Modernisation of Post Offices and Mail Offices	25
5	Computerisation of Circle Stamp Depots	2
6	Computerisation	
	Post Offices	225
	RMS Offices	1
	Administrative Offices	7
7	Computerisation of customer care centres	124
8	Training:	
	Setting up of WCTCs	3
	No. of official trained under different programmes	20078
9	Construction of Post Office and Administrative Office buildings	7

SOs—Sub Post Office
BOs—Branch Post Offices
PSSKs—Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras
WCTCs—Workplace Computer Training Centre

Reversion of packers to peons

1722. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the posts of the packers in the various administrative and subordinate offices in the postal department have been downgraded to those of peons (D category) with reduced scale of pay;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that existing incumbents in the category of packers do not suffer a loss of emoluments as a result of this reduction in rank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, keeping in view the duties discharged by the packers, the post of packers of Administrative/ Subordinate Offices and Foreign Post Offices have been redesignated as Peon and Mail Peon respectively, which does not involve either reduction in rank or loss of emoluments. Irrespective of change in designation, these posts fall under group 'D' category only.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Embezzlement cases occured in post offices of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

†1723. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of embezzlement, fraud and fraudulent withdrawal from the postoffices located in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh that have occurred;

(b) the amount of money lost therein;

(c) the number of officers and employees alongwith their names found involved in these cases; and

(d) the details of the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The number of cases of embezzlement, fraud and fraudulent withdrawal that came to notice in post offices located in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh during the financial year 2003-04 is 68

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.